DARIUS-GIRENAS 15th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Seated: Judge J. Zuris, D. Getchell Dept. of Ill. Com., John J. Karalaitis, Com., Mrs. J. Karalaitis. Standing: Anthony A. Olis, J. Kibort, L. Gubista, J. Kazanauskas and J. Viscount.

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May — 1949

Pračjusį penktadienį p. Helen Kareiva, Americanism Chairman, kartu su vieneto pirmininke p. Helen Jakubauskas, buvo nuvykusios į Juvenile Detention Home, ir tenais mergaitės apdovanojo prizais, ir užkandžiais.

Ateinančioje savaitėje, gegužės m. 27 d. bus svarbi diena dėl mūsų Poppy Chairman, Helen Mason, nes tai **Poppy Day**, tą dieną jinai ir geros širdies narės deda visas pastangas išparduoti šias aguoneles. Tat širdingai prašo visuomenę būti duosne — pirkti aguonėles. Daug žmonių mano, kad pinigai nereikalingi, bet tas netiesa. Visi tie "containeriai" nuvežami į tam tikrą vietą, kur suskaičiuojami ir kur reikia išleidžiami, tai yra išmokama už tų aguonėlių padarymą. Jie, kareiviai, iš tų pinigų užlaiko savo šeimas, apmoka savo įvairius mokesčius, ir šiaip taip palengvina savo gyvenimą. Taip pat, pradedant gegužės mėn. 20, bus papuoštas Poppy Day langas 4104 Archer Ave. Kas norės pamatyti, tas regės, kaip pašarvotų už jūrų kapai atrodo.

Narės yra prašomos, nesivėluoti. Susirinkimas prasidės lygiai 7:30 val. vak., Darius-Girėnas svetainėj, 4418 S. Western Ave.

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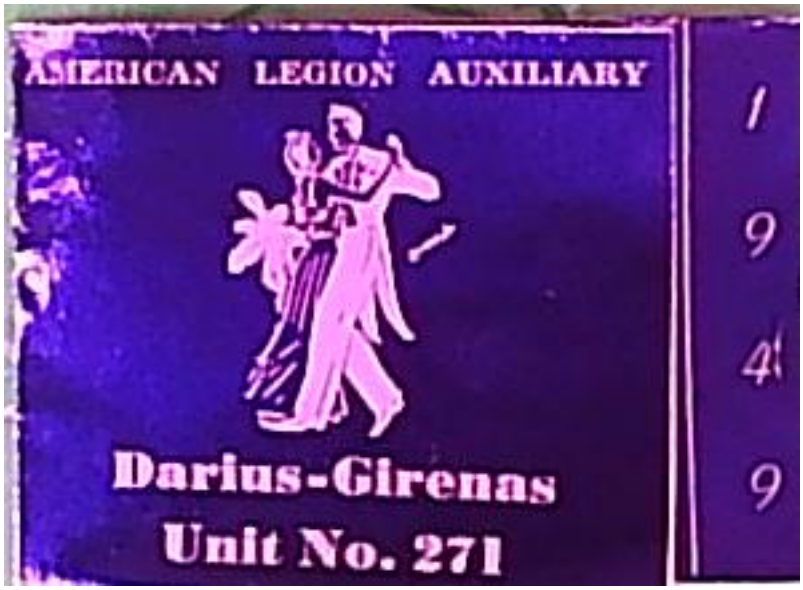
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MARY MIKSIS	1948

My Congratulations to all the Past Presidents and Auxiliary Members who by their efforts have helped build the Darius-Girenas Unit 271, the largest Unit in the American Legion Fourth District.

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We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Commander, and his Corps of officers, the Board of Directors, the Past Commanders and to each and every Post member who has in any way co-operated and helped in the past.

May this unity and understanding continue harmoniously in the future as it has in the past.

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— 1934 —

Organized as the Darius-Girenas Auxiliary to the Darius-Girenas Post 271 American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois. Charter granted February 13, 1934. Charter consisted of 23 members, of which only the following are still faithful members:

Stella Yuska	Juliana Paplauskas
Mary Chase	Helen Zuris
Mary Ann Chase	Marie Judickas
Helen M. Kareiva	Annette Zapkus

Mary Waitches ..... 1st Unit President

1935-1936

Mrs. Helen Zuris ..... Unit President

Outstanding events: Juniors were organized November 20, 1936, with their first Junior meeting held Saturday, November 21, 1936, at 2 p. m., 2417 West 43rd Street. A June dance was held in conjunction with the Post for the benefit of the Drum and Bugle Corp.

1937-1938

Virginia Trust Shimkus ..... Unit President

The first Rehabilitation ribbon was secured thru the efforts of Mrs. Cassie Norusis, Rehabilitation Chairman. National Citation for membership was granted. Meritorious Service Certificate for aid to flood stricken communities in Southern Illinois. Awarded a Membership flag.

1939-1940

Marian Sebastian ..... Unit President
Ann Nawyok ..... Junior Auxiliary Chairman

Assisted the Post to realize its dream of having its own headquarters. Financial aid to the approximate amount of $2,000.00 was given, as well as fullest co-operation in all its undertakings. Upon completion of the building, the crushed velour fire-proofed stage curtain, with the hand-painted American legion emblem, was donated to the Post. Received Rehabilitation citation. Funds were also raised for new instruments for the Drum & Bugle Corps. Juniors received a Certificate for Meritorious service.

— 1941 —

Irene Pietkiewicz ..... Unit President
Geraldine Precin ..... Junior Auxiliary Chairman

Continued help given to the Post in its new headquarters. Help and aid given to Drum & Bugle Corp. Rehabilitation Citation.

— 1942 —

Cassie Norusis ..... Unit President
Dorothy Mason ..... Junior Auxiliary Chairman

Rehabilitation citation awarded. Bonds and war stamps were being sold to members of the unit and at various stations. Needy families were helped with food and clothing.

— 1943 —

Marion Nares ..... Unit President
Helen Simon ..... Junior Auxiliary Chairman

Mary Ann Chase joined the Waves. Margaret Brazus joined the Wacs. War bonds and stamps were sold to the amount of $18,200.00. This amount exceeded all other Units. A Red Cross Unit was organized, with 8 supervisors for the Unit. 6,861 hours were spent on surgical dressings. 37,000 bandages were made. $1,000.00 was donated to the Red Cross. The girls in the Drum & Bugle Corps dedicated 97 flags and participated in approximately 30 other large patriotic affairs. At the request of the Treasury Department, they appeared at Bond rallies, Navy and Army relief drives. A Christmas party in conjunction with the Post was given to the Servicemen home for Christmas, and invitations were extended to the various Army and Navy and Marine stations around Chicago. Geraldine Precin won Pan-American Book award, on Peru. Juniors also received first prize award for Outstanding Junior History, Department of Illinois award of first prize, a white gavel. Helen Zuris served as Cook County color bearer.

— 1944 —

Martha Mason Lipski ..... Unit President
Frances Marks ..... Junior Auxiliary Chairman

War Loan Drive Citations were given to Marion Nares, Stella Karalaitis, Martha Mason Lipski, Marie Mason, Mary Miksis, Marian Sebastian, Nora Gugis, Antoinette Ezerski and Helen Zuris. Total amount of War Bonds sold $901,650.00. An amount of $420.00 in stuffed animals was contributed to St. Joseph's Home of the Friendless. Red Cross War Relief Campaign $2,744.00. 13,780 hours surgical dressings, completed 70,000 surgical dressings. The girls of the Drum & Bugle Corps participated in approximately 20 patriotic affairs and Bond drives. 1st prize in membership in the District. Marion Helen Nares, elected as District Junior Sgt.-at-arms. She was also appointed to hold office at its Junior Cook County Model meeting. Pan-American Book on Chile compiled by Barbara Petry won 3rd prize. Helen Zuris served as Cook County Sergeant-at-arms. Ethel Mitchell was selected as a Girls Stater.

— 1945 —

Antoinette Ezerski ..... Unit President
Joan Vodar ..... Junior Auxiliary Chairman

Total bonds sold $58,849.55. War fund campaign of $4,396.53 was raised. National citation for membership. Citation for being first to send their contribution to the Records for Fighting Men Project. Juniors entered the Peruvian Doll contest and won 3rd place. Donated $540.00 to Red Cross for Christmas project; 95,000 surgical dressings, 50 blood donors, 21,116 hours earned in Red Cross work. Helen Zuris served as Cook County Chaplain. Traveling Baker Trophy awarded to Unit for membership.

— 1946 —

Frances V. Prihodski ..... Unit President
Mary Kareiva ..... Junior Auxiliary Chairman

Juniors won 3rd place in District handiwork contest. Sylvia Judickas was selected as Girl Stater. Cottage sponsorship $135.04. Helen Zuris served as Cook County Treasurer. Traveling Baker Trophy for membership awarded to Unit permanently.

— 1947 —

Stella Karalaitis ..... Unit President
Joyce Mason ..... Junior Auxiliary Chairman
Helen Zuris ..... District Director
Marion Helen Nares ..... Junior District Chairman

Outstanding year in Child welfare and Rehabilitation. Donations amounting to $385.00 for child welfare and $560.00 for rehabilitation respectively. Received National Citation for membership. Awards from Cook County Council and Fourth District for 100% membership. Donated toys and clothing to St. Joseph's Home for the Friendless amounting to $168.36. Received Poppy citation. Received Rehabilitation Citation. Mary Kareiva served as Junior District Secretary. Handiwork contest won 3rd place in District. Articles made by Joan Rachus, Carol Karolaitis and Barbara Trust. Paper contest won National Honors, 1st place, which was made by Marion Helen Nares. We had the privilege of having Marion Helen Nares selected as chairman of the Junior Cook County Council. Pan-American made by Bernice Kaminskas won 1st place in Fourth District and Honorary Mention in the Department of Illinois. Dorothy Selek won 3rd place in the Essay Contest of the Legion Department.

— 1948 —

Mary Miksis ..... Unit President
Joann Rachus ..... Junior Auxiliary Chairman

Community service — 23 Christmas baskets, plus toys and clothing, amounting to $460.00. Donations to Benton House, Cook County Childrens Hospital School. Awarded "Bell Gavel" for the most membership in the 4th District. National Citation and Cook County Council awards for membership. Bernice Kaminskas was sent to Illini State. Joyce Mason served as secretary to the Junior District Auxiliary. Award made to Bernice Kaminskas for making a Pan-American doll, which won 2nd place in Department. Handiwork contest entered by Joan Rachus, Marion Nares and Carol Karalaitis brought National Honors for Illinois, 1st prize. Paper contest entered by Marion Helen Nares won National Honors of 1st prize of the Department of Illinois. Helen Zuris served as Junior advisor and treasurer of Cook County Council.

Congratulations to our

15 YEAR MEMBERS

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